

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/777,016

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

3725

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/3/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-17,19,21-27,29-33,35-47 and 49-51.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).


\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date 3/10/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

  
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

The amendment filed on January 3, 2006 is sufficient to overcome the prior art reference.

### *Election/Restrictions*

Claims 1, 2, 4-17, 19, 21-27, 29-33, 35-47 and 49-51 are allowable. The restriction requirement as set forth in the Office action mailed on March 9, 2005 has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.** Accordingly previously withdrawn claims 12, 14, 17, 40-42 and 44 are hereby rejoined.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim(s) presented in a continuation or divisional application includes all the limitations of a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claims may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

### *Specification*

The amendment to the Disclosure filed January 3, 2006 has been approved by the Examiner. Accordingly the previous Specification and Drawing Objections are hereby withdrawn.

***Information Disclosure Statement***

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on March 10, 2006 has been considered by the Examiner and an initialed copy is herein attached.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1, 2, 4-17, 19, 21-27, 29-33, 35-47 and 49-51 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or fairly suggest a router attachment system wherein the *lock comprises an actuator carried by the attachment housing, the actuator movable between a lock position and an unlock position* in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations as set forth in claims 1, 15, 27 and 43.

The prior art of record, Hedrick discloses a router attachment system including a router, a mounting adapter, router attachment for mating to the mounting adapter and a means for locking the mounting adapter and router attachment to resist movement. Hedrick discloses the mounting adapter having radial peripheral first mounting surface that mates with an inner radial peripheral mounting surface of the router attachment for attachment of a first type of router attachment. Hedrick however does not disclose the means for locking to include an actuator that is *carried by the attachment housing and is moveable between a lock and unlock position*. Instead, Hedrick discloses a snug fit between the tabs (30), receptacles (36) and stops (31) that lock or secure the mounting adapter to the router attachment (col. 10, lines 28-31). Therefore, Hedrick neither anticipates nor renders obvious the claimed invention as set forth in claims 1, 15, 27 and 43.

Neither the prior art of record nor any combination thereof discloses the claimed invention as set forth in claims 1, 15, 27 and 43. Therefore, claims 1, 2, 4-17, 19, 21-27, 29-33, 35-47 and 49-51 are deemed allowable over the prior art of record..

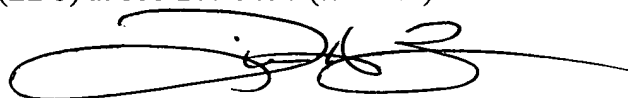
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelley Self whose telephone number is (571) 272-4524. The examiner can normally be reached Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached at (571) 272-4419. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300 for regular and After Final communications.

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